

who has protected the citizens of Watsonville, California since 1982. Terry, the Chief of Police since January 1989, retired on December 30, 2009. His law enforcement career spanned four decades beginning in 1966. Moreover, he has dedicated his life to a higher calling of protection and service and has made a lasting impact on countless lives during his career. I am proud to honor my friend and thank him for his service.

Terry was born and raised in Santa Cruz, California. In 1966, Terry began his law enforcement career as a student and Campus Police Officer at Cabrillo College in Aptos, California. In that same year, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves as a Military Policeman. In addition to Cabrillo College, Terry attended San Jose and Sacramento State Universities to further his education in law enforcement. Later in his career, he graduated from the 122nd Session FBI National Academy and the 1993 Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar, both in Quantico, Virginia.

The education Terry obtained prepared him for the many trials he would face as the top cop in Watsonville. In 1986, Terry commanded Watsonville personnel through an 18-month food processing strike. Three years later, he would guide his department and the city through the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake disaster; the epicenter of the 6.9 seismic event was located just 14 miles north of the city's downtown. Terry's leadership and warm character provided the much needed comfort to the people of Watsonville during and after the disaster.

Terry's command of the Watsonville Police Department has come to an end, but his role as a community leader will continue. Terry has served on and chaired numerous boards and committees including: the California Police Chiefs Association and the Watsonville Com-

munity Hospital. His newest title is the President of the Watsonville Rotary Club.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the House of Representatives, I would like to extend our Nation's deepest gratitude to Terry Medina for his 43 years of service. He was a great Chief of Police and he will continue to be a strong community leader, loving husband and proud father.

HONORING OF IRIS JEAN GEORGE

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, we often recognize military veterans for their many contributions to our country. Today, I would like to recognize other Americans who also give freely of their time and energy to the public good. These unsung heroes are the women of veterans' auxiliaries who conduct youth activities, community service and promote the ideals of America without compensation and without sufficient recognition.

One such woman is Iris Jean George, the New Jersey State President for the VFW's Ladies Auxiliary. As a result of her brother's service in Vietnam, Iris Jean decided to join the VFW Ladies Auxiliary #6590 Cookstown and District 11 in February of 1995. Throughout her time with the Ladies Auxiliary, she has been active through participation in numerous chairmanship roles, was a 1999 All American Auxiliary President, and was named Outstanding District President in 2004–2005.

Additionally, Iris Jean is very active in her community, serving as a former president of the McGuire AFB Enlisted Spouse Club, former president of her local rotary club, and as an elder at the First Presbyterian Church of

Sykesville. It is no wonder that in June 2009 she was elected as department president.

On Saturday, January 9, Iris Jean will be the guest of honor during her official visit to District 12 at Brick Township Post 8867. I would like to thank Iris Jean and officially recognize her for her outstanding service to veterans and her country.

A TRIBUTE TO MARTHA LUCIA LEMOS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Martha Lucia Lemos.

Ms. Lemos is a native of Columbia who migrated to the United States and received her first job as a babysitter, she was encouraged by the family she worked for to continue her education.

Despite the arduous task of fitting into a new culture, Ms. Lemos, enrolled in the Language Department at New York University and eventually joined the New York City Department of Education to work as a Teacher's Assistant.

She further continued her education and later graduated from Long Island University with a Bachelors of Science in Education and a Masters of Science in Education from Adelphi University.

With her credentials, Ms. Lemos entered the field of Bilingual Special Education as a Teacher in District 75 as a way to give back to children that may have the difficult task of learning a new language in a new culture.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Martha Lucia Lemos.